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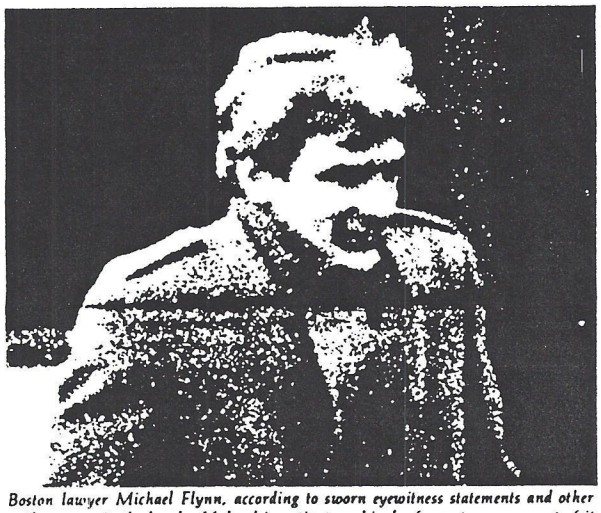

*Boston lawyer Michael Flynn, according to sworn eyewitness statements and other evidence now in the hands of federal investigators, hired a forger to pass a counterfeit $2 million check.*

BOSTON — Two Boston attorneys with ties to organized crime tried to loot the personal estate of *New York Times* list best-selling author L. Ron Hubbard and blame it on the Church of Scientology, according to documents released by Church President Heber Jentzsch and Los Angeles private investigator Gene Ingram.

The conspiracy hinged on a counterfeit $2 million check drawn on Hubbard's account at the Bank of New England and later used in the sensationalized Riverside, Calif., probate case in an abortive attempt to seize control of the legendary writer's estate. Hubbard's business managers stopped payment on the check before it was cashed.

According to documented eyewitness accounts filed in a Los Angeles Federal District Court, Boston attorneys Michael Flynn and Wayne Hollingsworth con-

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# FAMCO: Anatomy of a Conspiracy

by Stacy Young

On August 28, 1980, a bizarre and sinister twist was added to the old "get rich quick" idea when Flynn Associates Management Corporation (FAMCO) was chartered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FAMCO's incorporation marked the birth of an organization which would figure prominently in the criminal conspiracy described in this issue's lead article.

Prior to FAMCO's incorporation, Michael J. Flynn had a very rocky career as a personal injury attorney. Two of the cases early in his law practice serve as examples of his competence.

In 1973, Flynn's client in a much-publicized case of fraud and bank failure pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in prison.

In another case which dragged on for approximately two years, Flynn's client was sentenced to prison for a year and a day and fined $5,000.

### FAMCO's First Client

The seeds of FAMCO were sown in June 1979 when Lavenda Van Schaick, a former parishioner of the Church of Scientology, made contact with Flynn, apparently hoping he could help her make some money from her former connection with the Church.

Flynn did some research into the Church of Scientology to determine if it would be worth his while to take her case.

Apparently impressed with what he discovered regarding the Church's assets, he began to formulate the scheme that would later become FAMCO.

Flynn filed a "class action" suit on behalf of Ms. Van Schaick in December 1979. Ms. Van Schaick was the only member of the "class."

### Method to His Madness

By promising a rapid rate of return of 200 to 400 per cent, Flynn was able to gather several other attorneys to help him with his anti-Scientology enterprise. By mid-1980, he and the other lawyers had filed 27 more lawsuits, each virtually identical to the Van Schaick suit, but scattered across the country.

Legal experts have observed that it was highly improper and an abuse of the judicial process for such suits to have been filed separately.

The method to Flynn's madness, however, would soon become clear.

Flynn's associate, Thomas Hoffman, assisted him in filing multiple suits. Within short order, they had it down to an exact science.

### Money to Make Money

It takes money to make money, as the saying goes, and Michael J. Flynn needed more to continue his litigation.

FAMCO was the answer.

The new corporation was a family affair. The incorporators and officers of FAMCO were Kevin Flynn (Michael's brother),

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# DOCUMENTING THE CONSPIRACY

This issue unmasks and documents a criminal conspiracy.

The principal conspirator, Boston lawyer Michael J. Flynn, has been named and described by two of his co-conspirators in their unsuccessful attempt to pass a forged $2 million check.

In a special eight-page pull-out supplement, *FREEDOM* presents the detailed sworn statements of these prime participants in the conspiracy.

One of them is the full text, with certain key names deleted, of the 29-page declaration of Ala Fadili Al Tamimi, the forger hired by Flynn for the job.

The other statement is from co-conspirator Akil Abdul Amir Al Fadili Al Tamimi, who attempted to pass the forged check at the Middle East Bank in New York City in June 1982. The full text of Akil's 12-page declaration is also reproduced in the supplement.

Attorney Flynn compounded his felonies by introducing the matter of the forged check as "evidence" in the Riverside, California, Superior Court probate case brought in November 1982 by Ronald DeWolf, the estranged, disinherited son of Scientology founder and best-selling author L. Ron Hubbard.

Flynn argued that the incident of the forgery — the crime for which *Flynn himself* was responsible — was evidence that the Hubbard estate was not being properly looked after.

**"Michael J. Flynn loudly accused others of forging the $2 million check. Investigation revealed that Flynn himself was behind this plot, seeking to put the spotlight on others for his own crime."**

Painstaking research over many months, in which the editors of *FREEDOM* played a vital role, have brought the truth of the forgery finally to light.

In their research, *FREEDOM* investigators discovered the truth of the statement that the criminal accuses others of things which he himself is doing.

Michael J. Flynn loudly accused others of forging the $2 million check. Investigation revealed that Flynn himself was behind this plot, seeking to put the spotlight on others for his own crime.

Criminal acts by a criminal in our society are reprehensible enough. Criminal acts by an attorney, who has sworn to uphold the law, and who is indeed an officer of the court, are the lowest crimes imaginable. These crimes are vile betrayals of society.

Michael J. Flynn appears to be, by sworn testimony, a criminal. The evidence presented in this issue is but a small portion of the evidence *FREEDOM* has gathered on Flynn's criminal activities. In future issues, more of this information will be revealed. ▲


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spired with Boston underworld figures to counterfeit and pass the check two years ago. Flynn subsequently used his own felony to initiate the sensationalized 1982 probate case brought by Hubbard's estranged son Ronald E. DeWolf in Riverside. Flynn argued that the attempted forgery was proof that the best-selling author's estate was in jeopardy and should be seized. Flynn blamed the Scientologists "to divert attention from himself," the documents state.

The attempt failed, however, when the court threw Flynn's case out and ordered DeWolf, a 50-year-old Nevada apartment house manager, to pay costs. Flynn was found in contempt of court and fined during the proceedings for violating court instructions.

### "Common Criminals"

To finance his attack, Flynn created Flynn Associates Management Corporation (FAMCO). He tried to sell shares on the promise that profit would be made by capturing Hubbard's estate through a series of frivolous suits, and by generating so much "adverse publicity" against Scientology and Hubbard that the Church would be forced to settle for millions of dollars. The forgery and probate scheme was but one part of Flynn's conspiracy, details of which are now in the hands of several federal agencies.

Investigator Ingram, along with a team of other private detectives, was hired to find those responsible for the forgery.

According to the declaration filed in federal court, recently uncovered evidence reveals the "evil motivation" of FAMCO and its agents and the "common criminals engaged in a vicious attack upon freedom of religion."

The plot was revealed in papers filed in a suit brought against Flynn's brother Kevin and FAMCO in Los Angeles Central District Court for violating the civil rights of Scientologist Steve Miller of Los Angeles. Michael Flynn is an officer and director of FAMCO.

After gaining access to the Bank of New England where Hubbard had an account, Flynn illegally obtained sample checks and then hired Ala Tamimi, a known forger, to counterfeit and forge a $2 million check on Hubbard's account at the Bank of New England in Boston.

The same Bank of New England is currently the center of another $2 million forgery case. A contact inside the bank allegedly made confidential information available to a disbarred Boston area attorney who fraudulently purchased gems from a Chicago dealer with the stolen cash.

### Flynn Promised $400,000

In a signed, fingerprinted and notarized declaration given in Italy to Ingram and witnessed by his attorney, Ala Tamimi related how Flynn had promised him $400,000 to pass the check and transfer the $2 million from the account of the legendary writer to an overseas account that Flynn would later designate. Tamimi then used his brother Akil to try to deposit the forged check in a New York bank.

According to his own sworn statement, also in federal hands, Akil was very nervous during his visit to the bank, failed to produce proper identification papers, and left the $2 million check at the bank.

### Plot Thwarted

Flynn's plot was thwarted when Akil panicked and failed to return. Meanwhile, Hubbard's business managers in Los Angeles learned about the check and quickly alerted the bank to stop payment. Ala Tamimi fled the country while his brother Akil disappeared into Maine with the help of one of Flynn's men, according to the filed affidavit.

*Flynn allegedly used his own felony to initiate a sensationalized probate case.*

Flynn later used the results of his abortive plan when he filed the California probate petition with DeWolf in 1982. Flynn tried to put the blame for his felony on Scientologists and claimed that the crime proved that Hubbard's estate should be seized by the court in order to allegedly protect it from Scientologists.

According to Rev. Jentzsch, the affidavits "are but one small part of the evidence collected. We have eyewitnesses, documents and

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photographs that leave not one shred of doubt."

**Attempt to Block Discovery**

The declaration was filed in response to an attempt by Flynn's brother Kevin to halt a court-approved inquiry into the financial transactions of FAMCO and Blossoms, a Washington, D.C., restaurant owned by Kevin Flynn. Miller's attorney Donald Randolph stated in his declaration that Kevin Flynn's motives in "seeking to prevent discovery of his fraudulent and criminal activities" were "transparent and understandable. He does not wish to have this information discovered as it may well subject him to severe penalties."

According to the filed declaration, Kevin Flynn illegally obtained a loan from the Small Business Administration "with fraudulent misrepresentations and misleading information designed to prevent the government agencies involved from obtaining the truth" about the restaurant and his activities with Michael Flynn.

**$100,000 Reward**

The investigation of the criminal conspiracy to loot Hubbard's estate was initiated earlier this year with a series of full-page ads placed by Ingram in a number of national newspapers including *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Wall Street Journal* offering a $100,000 reward for information about the forged check. Private investigators operating in four countries finally uncovered Flynn's conspiracy.

Flynn, an unknown personal injury attorney until he tapped Hubbard's popularity, had earlier demanded that the Church pay him $1.6 million to stop suing the organization. When the Church refused to pay, Flynn devised and carried out the forgery and probate plot to plunder Hubbard's estate.

Ala Tamimi's participation in the conspiracy was enlisted by Boston lawyer Wayne Hollingsworth, who works with Flynn. According to Tamimi's sworn declaration, he was at the office of his attorney, Gary Pappas, at Union Wharf, where Flynn also works, when he met Hollingsworth.

According to Tamimi, Hollingsworth said he had worked for the FBI and had "many friends in the federal government" and "knew all the FBI agents in Boston." Hollingsworth related how Tamimi's other brother Amer had incurred a $40,000 gambling debt to underworld figures in Boston several weeks before and had not repaid any of it.

**"They Can Break His Legs"**

"The boys in town are very mad and they can break his legs," Hollingsworth told Tamimi, according to the declaration.

In return for his help, Tamimi was told, his brother's debt would be cancelled. Additionally, Tamimi stood to gain 20 per cent of a "deal" which Hollingsworth said would be worth $2 million or more.

After a meeting at a small restaurant at a motel on Boylston Street where further arrangements were made, Tamimi met Flynn for breakfast at the Colonnade Hotel. Three other men were present at the meeting, and

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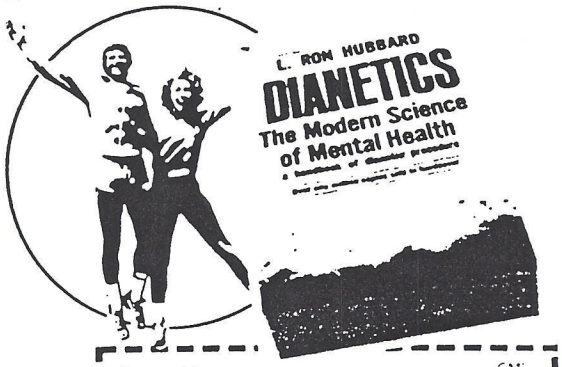


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